



# Body Worn Cameras



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## Purpose:

- Familiarize Deputies with the San Diego Sheriff Department's Interim Policy and Procedure covering Body Worn Camera (BWC) Field Evaluations



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## Topics:

- Historical review – Why cameras?
- Interim Policy - Deputy Support
- Definitions, Procedures, Operations, When and when not to record
- Interim Policy – Do's and Don'ts



# Why we are here...













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## Why?

- **64%** Reduction in Use Of Force
- **88%** Reduction in citizen complaint's (Rialto Police Dept.)
- Officer's changing behavior
- From 2011 to 2012, Lake Havasu City Police Department showed complaints decreased by **58.2%**





People are recording you all  
the time



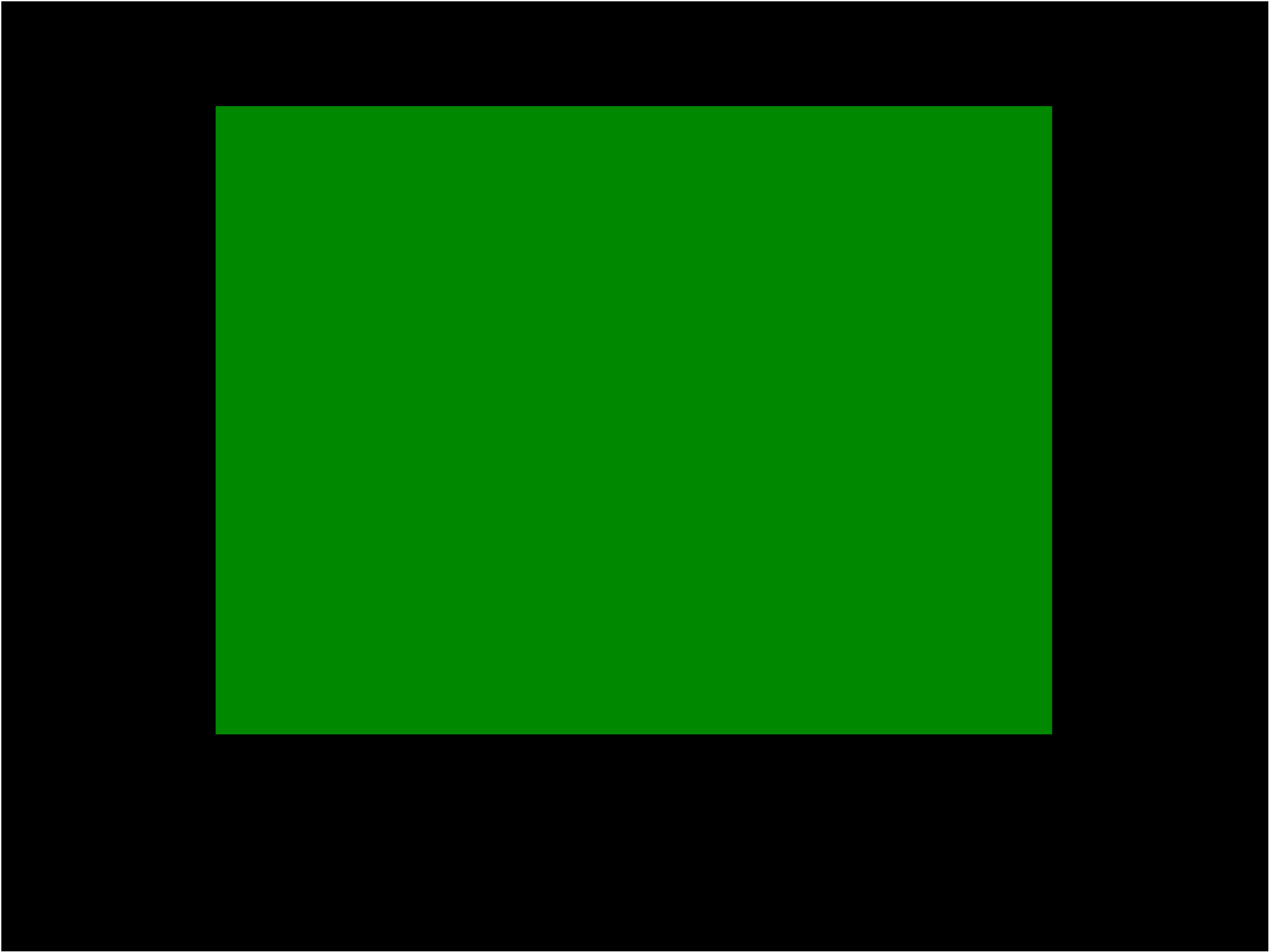


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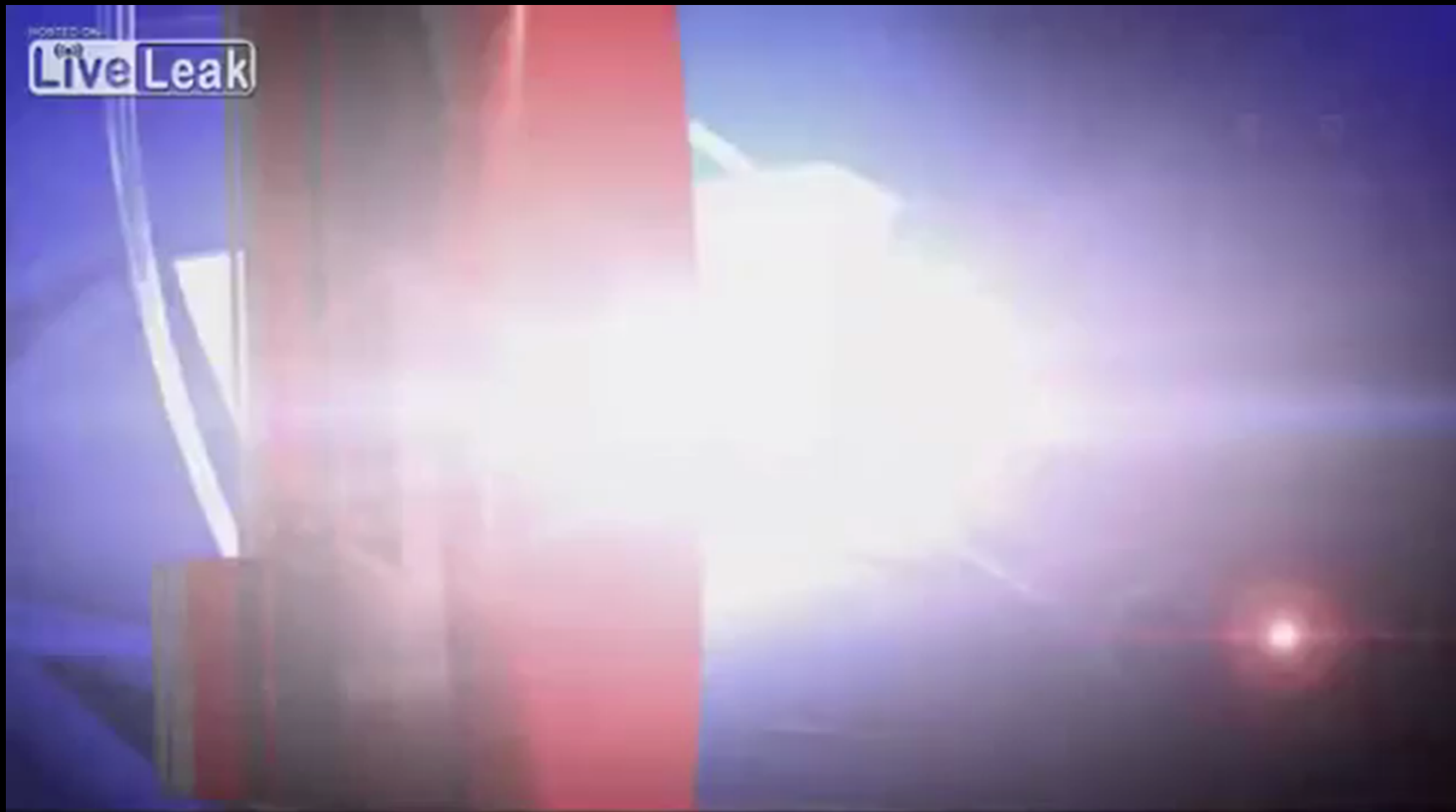




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# Body Worn Camera Policy

Now for the Policy

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## Definitions

- **BWC-** Body Worn Camera
- **Buffering Mode-** Captures **video only** on 30 sec. loop
- **ETS-** Evidence Transfer System
- **Metadata-** Data / text added to videos for tracking and managing digital evidence



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- Policy II: “Digital evidence captured by the BWC has limitations and is not all inclusive.”
- Policy IV: “Deputy/Officer safety shall be the primary consideration, ***not*** the ability to record an event.”

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- This is an **INTERIM** policy. There **WILL** be changes made taking into account your input and this pilot program.



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## Goals

- Capturing crimes in progress
- Documenting Deputy response
- Aiding in statement / report documentation
- Serve as a training tool



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Dont's

- Official use only (Not your personal GoPro)
- No tampering with device
- All videos are considered evidence and property of SDSD
- No unauthorized evidence distribution (Hey check this out! YouTube, social media)



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## When to record

- Deputies / Community Service Officers **shall** activate the BWC to record all law enforcement related contacts.
- The record mode of the camera **shall** be activated prior to actual contact with the citizen, or as soon as safely possible.

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## When to record (Cont.)

- You don't have to tell people \*
- Continue recording until the contact is concluded
- Use common sense in deciding when you no longer need to record an event

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## When to record

- **All L.E. related contacts**
- Including but not limited to:
  - Court orders or civil papers
  - Field interviews
  - Vehicle Tows
  - Persons present at radio calls who are accused of crimes
  - Deputy initiated consensual encounters

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When **NOT** to record

- **BWCs shall not record:**
  - Pre-shift conferences
  - Department locker rooms
  - Break rooms
  - Restrooms
  - Report writing room



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When **NOT** to record (Cont.)

- **BWCs shall not be used:**
  - Court proceedings (Unless emergency)
  - Medical or psychological evaluations by a clinician or similar professional, or during treatment. This includes during PERT clinician interviews (Unless emergency)

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When **NOT** to record (Cont.)

- Avoid recording exposed areas of the body that could cause embarrassment or humiliation
- Events not related to law enforcement activity

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## Documentation

- Video doesn't relieve you of writing your report\*
- Injuries, or scene documentation still needs to be in report
- If it's in the video, it's in your report
- Serious, felonious events / injuries also need digital photograph's

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## Documentation

- Add Body Camera Video to Property section in RMS #1306
- Add use of BWC in Narrative/ Synopsis
- Use special studies tab in RMS “BWC Recording”

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## Documentation (Cont.)

- Non evidentiary recordings, such as inadvertent recordings, recordings initiated for training, or recordings with no associated report shall be documented in the CAD event history.



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- Pre-Shift Inspection
- Interviews and Miranda, Stopping and restarting recording
- No contact with vendors
- This is an Interim Policy
- Evaluations
- And the number one most important thing to remember....



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## **Entering Metadata!**

Every video!



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Question?



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